# EPITAPH To A Week

By LARRY POWELL

A group of Texarkana and area residents started out in a three-vehicle caravan last week to a camping site near Hot Springs, Ark.

But, it was inevitable. There is no way a caravan of even one car can get started together anywhere as long as there is a woman along.

This time, when the fuel pump on the truck bearing the camper and two men failed, the women in the crowd—riding in other cars — really caught it. It was the old "If you'd done this, we wouldna' had this happen routine."

Of course, it's only right that women should be around to bear the cross of man's mistakes. If it's not right, then why is Women's Liberation "Strike Day" set Wednesday. Several Arkansas politicians — those who rely on flashing smiles and the knock-the-women-voters-dead-political philosophy — are breathing more easily now that the Strike Date has been set the day after the Aug. 25 primaries. It's difficult enough fighting politicans who know the facts. Besides, a woman's place to fight is in the home.

ON THE political front, Judge Milton Robinson of Stuttgart, who presided at the Tri-State Citizens Council political forum Friday night, mentioned that he had retired from politics years ago. "But I want to make it clear right now," the judge said, "I retired for reasons of health. The people were sick of me."

Judge Robinson also lectured the listeners on the characteristics of wildlife at Stuttgart — a city which recently paid $6,000 to get rid of its famed mosquitoes which inhabit the rice paddies. "When a duck flies upside-down at Stuttgart," the judge said, "he quacks up."

NOW COMES the case of Elizabeth Tapp, the lady who, besides acting as secretary for the Texas school board meetings, makes sure the oft-used gavel is in place on the board's table.

Last week Mrs. Tapp picked up a scorpion and it stung her.

Well, that's not exactly the whole story.

Mrs. Tapp said it began on a moonlit night. Moonlit because it was the night of a partial eclipse — last Sunday night — which could be seen in the Texarkana area. Mrs. Tapp, out of curiousity, walked out on her front porch to watch the heavenly spectacle.

Then, turning to walk into the house, she spotted lying between her and the front door a copperhead snake. She said she didn't immediately rush into the house.

Spying a box of used spark plugs her son had left on the porch, Mrs. Tapp decided she could scare the snake off by tossing the plugs at it.

Reaching into the box, she pulled out — not a spark plug — a scorpion which did not fail to live up to his reputation. "He didn't hit a good lick," she said, proving that he didn't.

The scorpion, naturally tossed aside quickly — it takes some people as long to look at a scorpion as it does for others to look at a freshly-made horseshoe — was out of hhe picture, but the copperhead held his ground.

So, Mrs. Tapp said, she reached back into the auto parts box and proceeded to spark the snake's desires to crawl off by plugging away at him.

# Arkansas School Officials Release Busing Schedule

Texarkana, Ark., School District officials have released a schedule for busing of students from the zoned Carver area of the district.

According to school officials, students who plan to use school transportation must report to the bus stops nearer their homes no later than 8:15 a.m. The students will be returned to that bus stop at the end of each school day.

The zones and bus stops are as follows:

UNION ELEMENTARY — Zone 22, South of Preston Street, North of St. Louis-Southwestern Railroad, East of East Side Drive and Hickory and West of Pinehurst Street; The bus loading points for Zone 1 are Morrison at Pinehurst, Washington at Seibert, and Stevens at Seibert.

COLLEGE HILL ELEMENTARY — Zone 2, South of Preston, North of St. Louis-Southwestern Railroad, East of Pinehurst, and West of Oats. The loading points are Washington at Pinehurst, Kniffin at Pinehurst (Ozan Courts Office area), Preston at Arkansas, and Preston at Short Preston (Ingham Pool area).

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY — Zone 3, South of Marietta, North of Preston, East of Missouri-Pacific Railroad, West of Oats Street; The bus loading points are Ray at Delaware; Marietta at Arkansas (Washington Auto Mechanic School area), Delaware at Park (St. James Baptist Church area).

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY — Zone 4, South of East Ninth, North of Marietta St., East of Missouri-Pacific Railroad, and West of Oats Street. The bus loading points are Charles at Walters, Couch at Walters and Des Moines at Walters;

KILPATRICK ELEMENTARY — Zone 5, South and East of Missouri-Pacific Railroad and East 20th Street, North of East Ninth, and West of St. Charles — also known as Oats and McLains Street. The bus loading points are St. Charles at East Second, the pocket part on East 15th, Kline at East 15th (Lonoke Baptist Church area), Kline at East 13th (playground), Arkansas at East 11th, Ray at East 11th, and St. Charles at East 10th.

# Oklahoma To Cast Ballot On Tuesday

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — Oklahomans pick a Democratic nominee for governor Tuesday at the end of a non-spectacular campaign expected to produce the smallest vote in 24 years.

David Hall, 39-year-old former Tulsa County prosecutor, is expected to finish first. This has focused interest on the No. 2 man, who will be in a runoff Sept. 15 if the front-runner does not get a majority in the primary.

Vying for the second spot are State Sen. Bryce Baggett, 38, Wilburn Cartwright, 70-year-old corporation commissioner, and Joe Cannon, 45, former safety commissioner.

No Democrat in state history has ever won a first primary majority. This year, interest is so light, no one can be sure of the outcome. All four candidates made the usual victory predictions in the campaign's final weekend.

Observers are predicting the Democratic vote will fall below 500,000, some below 400,000. Either way that would be the smallest for a Democratic gubernatorial primary since 1946, when only 385,953 turned out. Oklahoma has 922,000 Democrats and 207,000 Republicans on its registrajn lists.

# League Asks State Help On Colleges

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The Texas Research League has recommended that the state take over the full cost of operating community junior colleges, and called for a $400 million bond program to finance new building at junior and senior colleges.

Those proposals were included in a league recommendation to the state coordinating board on higher education after the league had been asked to determine the best methods of financing the board's plan for higher education in Texas.

The coordinating board has predicted that Texas will have about 680,000 students in college by 1980, and 1975 will be the peak year.

## IN THE TWIN CITIES

# Week in Review

Citizens of the city slugged it out with heavy rains Thursday and Friday that flooded almost every low area in the city.

Officials said they haven't had time to estimate damage caused by the high water.

All underpasses were blocked both days as almost nine inches of rain poured down on the city.

Many homes and buildings in low areas has several inches of water in them, but Saturday things seemed back to normal.

Police and firemen rescued several persons from their homes and stranded automobiles.

MEMBERS OF PRESS were expelled Monday night from a Texarkana, Tex., city council executive session while the council said they were "discussing salaries, wages and personnel."

After the executive session the council heard a proposal from an Atlanta, Tex., company to take over the ambulance service.

Boyce Browning asked that he be given exclusive rights for operation in the Texarkana, Tex., area, and that the city relinquish present equipment, ambulances and supplies to the service.

Browning stated the service would save the city some $60,000 in the first year of operation.

The service, he said, offering three new ambulances and three full ambulance crews on 24-hour operation, would cost the city $2,000 per month, $6,000 for the first month, with a total of $28,000 the first year, and $24,000 each year thereafter.

The council said they would study the proposal.

TUESDAY NIGHT the Texarkanside school board gave the third nod of approval for the 1970-71 school budget.

The final approval is expected to come Sept. 15 when the tax rate will be set at the board's regular meeting. The tax rate of $1.80 is expected to stay the same as last year.

Schools' officials set the new budget at $5,119,345.

ARKANSAS-SIDE Board of Directors announced Wednesday that they had decided not to call a referendum on the question of continuing the Model Cities program.

City Manager Paul Schriever said the board decided not to call the referendum after the board, "sort of held an informal talk after the Monday night meeting."

The Tri-State Citizens Council and Freedom, Inc. had asked the board to call a referendum election within 60 days to see if citizens of Texarkana, Ark., wished to continue the program.

Freedom, Inc., are in the process of obtaining petitions on the Texas-side on the same issue.

REV. R. J. HAMPTON, candidate for governor of Arkansas, spoke at the Texarkana College Auditorium Friday night despite the rumor that "three hired gunmen from out of state" would be waiting for him.

The Negro candidate said in a telephone interview that he had had reports that the gunmen would be waiting for him but that he would speak at the college and at a public speaking at the Miller County courthouse.

Hampton's secretary, Pat Mann, said, "We received word of the personal threat from friendly Rockefeller people. Some of them are friendly."

About 60 persons attended the gubernatorial candidate forum at the college, 20 leaving after hearing an address by Bob Compton.

The remainder trickled out during addresses by Walter Carruth, James (Uncle Mac) MacKrell, the Rev. Hampton and W. S. Cheek. Lester Gibbs, a Republican candidate, spoke before Faubus.

Hayes C. McClerkin, Democratic candidate for governor, who didn't attend the forum, spoke at a public speaking at the Miller County courthouse, along with Faubus, Compton, Gibbs and others.

## IN TEXARKANA

# Flood Damage Studied

City officials, insurance personnel and others were busy late Saturday trying to establish some estimate of damage caused by flooding Thursday and Friday after almost nine inches of heavy rains struck the city.

One insurance official said insurance policies in the city did not cover flood damage. "About the only place in the country flood damage coverage can be obtained is along the coast and near several rivers in different sections of the country," he said.

About 12:30 a.m. Thursday a line of thunderstorms caused by a northern cold front began moving into the city. Thunder, lightning and heavy rain pelted the city. By daylight most of the underpasses in the city had several feet of water standing in them, causing early morning traffic to stack up for many blocks.

By noon Thursday the water was going down and street crews began the hard job of cleaning debris from the major highway routes and traffic was flowing again by 2 p.m.

Residents of the Swamp Poodle Creek area and the Elm Street area, which appeared to be the hardest hit section of the city, were busy sweeping water from their homes late Thursday. Several persons reported from one inch to one foot of water in their homes.

Friday morning dawned with light showers falling. City officials and street crews watched the creeks but everything seemed to be going fine. Then, at 10 a.m. the clouds opened up and the "bottom" fell out again.

Until 1:30 p.m. Friday it was touch and go as gallons and gallons of water poured down the drainage creeks of he city.

The water appeared to be higher Friday and several persons were rescued from their homes by police and firemen.

No injuries were reported in the two days of flooding.

# LBJ to Moderate 'Blue Ribbon' Economic Seminar

STONEWALL, Tex. (AP) — Former President Lyndon B. Johnson will lead a select group of Texas' top business leaders and students in taking a good king look at the nation's economy on Aug. 28.

"They will be coming to Stonewall from the big cities and the small towns to hear what is happening to the economy," Johnson said in announcing the seminar. "The year ahead," at LBJ State Park in Stonewall, 65 miles west of Austin.

The blue ribbon seminar precedes special dedication ceremonies Aug. 29 for the LBJ State Park, a recreation and entertainment center complete with auditorium and Olympic swimming pool across the Pedernales River from LBJ Ranch.

Still another part of the festivities will be observance of the 62nd birthday of the former president and the birthday of Dr. Walter Heller, former presidential economics advisor and a speaker for the seminar. Both anniversaries are Aug. 27, but the two decided to delay a joint celebration until the park dedication date.

About 250 of the state's leading industralists, bankers, businessmen, educators and economists, along with a number of business and economics student leaders have been invited for the University of Texas at Austin, Southwest Texas State, Rice University, and St. Edward's University.

Johnson will act as moderator for the seminar, to be held in the park auditorium, and will give a five-minute introductory talk "On What Lies Ahead in the Coming Year from an Economic Standpoint."

Then Keller and Henry Fowler, former secretary of treasury, will have 20 minutes each. Fowler, currently a Wall Street businessman, will discuss "Financial Crossroads of the Next 12 months." Keller, who presently is chairman of the department of economics at the University of Minnesota, will talk on the economics of the year ahead.

The talks will be followed by a question and answer session conducted by Johnson.

After the seminar the invited participants will be guests at a barbecue in the park featuring top sirloin from LBJ Ranch Herefords, barbecued turkeys, deer sausage, fried chicken, homemade German chocolate cake and homemade peach ice cream.

The 269-acre state park has been open to the public almost a year.

A special entertainment program begins at 9 a.m. with the official dedication at 2 p.m.

The former president and Mrs. Johnson will take part in the dedication ceremony with the principal address given by Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes.


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